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REF: (A) TEHRAN 6689, (B) STATE 175042, (C) TEHRAN 6394
(D) VIENNA 6972

1. IN NOTE TO SCIATT DATED JULY 31, 1977, AEOI DIRECTOR OF
INTERNATIONAL AND LEGAL AFFAIRS CONVEYED SPECIFIC TOPICS
PROPOSED (AS MODIFICATIONS/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA REFTEL B) FOR
BILATERAL ENERGY DISCUSSIONS COMMENCING AUGUST 8TH. AEOI
REQUESTED THESE BE PROMPTLY RELAYED TO WASHINGTON.

A. NUCLEAR: (1) STATUS OF COOPERATION IN THE FIRELD OF NUCLEAR
SAFETY, AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS (AEOI AND NRC). (2) DISCUSSIONS
ON US POLICIES CONCERNING SPENT FUEL STORAGE AND WASTE MANAGE-
MENT. (3) DISCUSSIONS ON PROBLEMS RELATED TO SITING AND
ENVORONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS. IRAN IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING
DRY COOLING OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, AND, THEREFORE, IS
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INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THE US VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT.

(4) TRAINING OF IRANIAN PERSONNEL IN THE US (PROPOSED
AGREEMENT BETWEEN AEOI AND ORNL). (5) FURTHER COOPERATION
OF INTEC AND ORNL. (6) DISCUSSIONS ON THE US POLICY IN
RELATION TO NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE (INCLUDING THE INTERNATIONAL
NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION PROGRAM).

B. SOLAR ENERGY: AREAS OF POSSIBLE COOPERATION INCLUDE:

(1) SPACE AND AIR HEATING SYSTEM. (2) APPLICATION OF RELEVANT EXPERIMENTS IN THE USE OF SOLAR ENERGY IN IRAN, SUCH AS ELECTRICITY GENERATION. (3) ON-THE-JOB TRAINING OF IRANIAN EXPERTS IN THE US RESEARCH AND INDUSTRIAL CENTERS. (4) EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

C. INFORMATION EXCHANGES: A NUMBER OF AREAS ARE POSSIBLE FOR INFORMATION EXCHANGES WHICH MAY SUGGEST FUTURE AREAS FOR COOPERATION. (1) ENERGY SUPPLY/DEMAND ANALYSIS - USE OF METHODOLOGY FOR CONSTRUCTION REFERENCE ENERGY STSTEMS AND OBTAINING OR ESTIMATING REQUIRED DATA, INCLUDING DATA ON NON-COMMERCIAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION. (2) IMPACT ASSESSMENTS - ENVIRONMENTAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACT MODELS AND METHODOLOGY. (3) RESOURCE ASSESSMENT - ANALYSIS OF GEOLOGIC DATA. (4) ECONOMIC AND ENERGY FORECASTS AND PLANNING ENERGY LOGISTICS, PLANNING AND OPERATION AND RESERVE STUDIES.

D. OIL AND GAS: (1) DOWNSTREAM OPERATIONS EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES OF ESTABLISHING A LARGE-SCALE EXPORT REFINERY IN IRAN TO SUPPLY REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN USA AS WELL AS REFINING AND MARKETING FACILITIES TO BE OWNED AND OPERATED BY IRANIAN AND AMERICAN CONCERNS IN USA. (DISCUSSED AT THE SECOND MEETING OF THE US AND IRAN MINISTERS REGARDING ECONOMIC COOPERATION). (2) REVIEW OF THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE COOPERATION OF THE TWO COUNTRIES IN RELATION TO THE EXPORT OF GAS. (3) REVIEW OF THE POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATION ON THE PROCESSES AND TECHNOLOGIES RELATED TO UTILIZATION OF HYDROCARBON - BASED ENERGY, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON UNCLASSIFIED

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THE TRAINING NEEDS OF IRAN IN THIS AREA. (4) EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON R&D EFFORTS ON NEW SOURCES OR BETTER UTILIZATION OF THE EXISTING SOURCES, BY US GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS, FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE AREAS OF COOPERATION. (5) FORMATION OF AN ENGINEERING COMPANY IN IRAN FOR THE DESIGN AND PROVISION OF TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR THE GAS INDUSTRY, AND THE STUDY OF US COOPERATION IN THIS RESPECT.

E. OTHER ITEMS: AEOI FORESEES AN OPENING PLENARY SESSION WITH STATEMENTS BY EACH CHAIRMAN COVERING EACH NATION'S OVERALL ENERGY POLICIES. COMMITTEE WOULD THEN BREAK INTO SMALLER GROUPS TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS. SULLIVAN

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